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Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" Are the instructions of Government to distribute quinine free as a preventive or only as a curative ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not quite understand the suggestion of the hon. Member. If he wants that quinine ought to be distributed free to every man so as to prevent people catching malaria, that would be preventive distribution. In places where there is malaria, people are also entitled to get a free distribution as a preventive measure also."

Mr. H. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. the Minister whether he has ordered stopping the distribution of quinine in places where the malarial season is over ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Government have not issued any such instructions. But I am sure when the malarial season is over nobody would ask for quinine and nobody would issue it."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Has any budget provision been made for anti-malarial operations ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Yes."

Acquisition of site for the Government Headquarters Hospital at Calicut.

*1598 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to question No. 510 answered on 11th October 1928 regarding the acquisition of site for the Government Headquarters Hospital at Calicut, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what action Government have taken on the report of the Committee as to the acquisition of site for the Government Headquarters Hospital at Calicut ?

A.—The matter is still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I ask whether the Government have decided to give up the idea of acquiring the Mission site for the Government Headquarters Hospital at Calicut ? "

The hon Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It is too early to answer that question."

Registration

Supply of Registration Gazette to Members of the Legislative Council.

*1599 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the *Registration Gazette* is not supplied to the Members of this Council even if they ask for it ; and

(b) if so, for what reasons ?

A.—(a) & (b) The *Registration Gazette* is intended for circulation among the officers of the department and is not given to anybody else.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know whether the cost of this *Registration Gazette* comes from public funds or only from the officers of the department ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" From public funds."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" Then may I ask whether it contains any confidential information so that it should not be supplied to the hon. Members ? "